

Claims in the Application

1. (Currently Amended) A In a method of trapping and/or killing pests, such as controlling insects, wherein at least a part of a pest an insect to be trapped or killed is exposed to a particulate composition comprising including particles containing or consisting of at least one electromagnetically sensitive magnetic material, in combination with one or more pesticides or behaviour modifying chemicals, such that the insect slips into or onto a trap proximate the composition, an improvement comprising including in the electromagnetically sensitive material at least one magnetic material.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of from 2 to 100 μm .
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the magnetic material is includes a ferromagnetic oxide.
4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 1 wherein the particles are applied to a surface in an area in which pests are present, preferably adhere by a magnetic force to a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of hard magnetic particles material.
6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 5 wherein the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical is admixed with the particles of the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.
7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 where the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical is coated onto the particles of the magnetic material wherein the insect includes a cockroach and the part of the insect includes a foot.
8. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.
9. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.
10. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claims 8 or 9 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.

11. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

12. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

13. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the behaviour modifying chemical is a pheromone.

14. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

15. (Currently Amended) A In a pesticidal cockroach affecting composition in particulate form which ~~comprises~~ includes ~~composite~~ electromagnetically sensitive particles each ~~comprising a core of an inert substance having a~~ pesticide or behaviour modifying effect upon contact with a cockroach foot chemical impregnated theron or associated therewith, and the core being impregnated or coated with, an improvement comprising including in the particles a magnetic material.

16. (Currently Amended) A pesticide composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the ~~core comprises silicone dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer~~ magnetic material is at least 10% by weight.

17. (Cancelled) A pesticidal composition in particulate form which comprises particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material in admixture with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical or particles of a magnetic material coated with a pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical.

18. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

19. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

20. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the behaviour modifying chemical is a pheromone.

21. (Currently Amended) A pesticide composition as claimed in claim 15 or 16 wherein the ~~pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles~~ magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~pesticide~~ composition as claimed in claims 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material is includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ In an insect trap which comprises a housing, a zone of the housing or a zone within the housing ~~comprising a magnetically polarized material and the said zone being coated with~~ having a composition comprising electromagnetically sensitive particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material of opposite polarity to that of the magnetically polarized material, the improvement comprising including in the composition a magnetic material.

24. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the housing includes a magnetically polarizable material is ~~formed by a portion of at least one wall of the housing.~~

25. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarizable material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

26. (Original) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

27. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material is includes a hard ferromagnetic oxide.

28. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the said zone is ~~coated with particles of a pesticidal composition as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 20~~ magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

29. (New) An insect trap as claimed in claim 28 wherein the magnetic material includes at least 10% by weight of strontium ferrite.

30. (New) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 structured to trap cockroaches.